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Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that I present the second issue of the third volume of the *FIU Law Review*. This issue is the first in a two-part series covering the Twelfth Annual LatCrit Conference, "Critical Localities: Epistemic Communities, Rooted Cosmopolitans, New Hegemonies and Knowledge Processes," hosted by the Florida International University College of Law in October 2007. Many thanks to the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 editorial staffs of the FIU Law Review for their collective efforts in bringing this issue to fruition.

As we move into the final years of the twenty-first century's first decade, the issue of gender and orientations and their consequences and implications is becoming increasingly pertinent in our society. As such, it is becoming ever more important to participate in this conversation with an awareness of diverse experiences and perspectives. From addressing questions of discursive space in same-sex marriage to analyzing Latino masculinities in the media, the authors of this symposium cluster have eloquently expanded the dimensions in which that conversation can be had. I hope you find their work interesting to read and thought provoking, and that these authors inspire you to continue the conversation in a manner that does not divide or denigrate, but enlightens and embraces.

Enjoy the issue,

Chris B. Carbot
Editor-in-Chief